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Murder 2 in Quincy mother killing

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A 61-year-old Quincy man has been convicted of murdering his mother in 2006, Norfolk District Attorney William Keating announced.

Hugh Crawford, DOB 12-27-46, was convicted of murder in the second degree following a 7-day trial before a Norfolk Superior Court Jury. The jury deliberated for over a day before returning the verdict at roughly 4:30 p.m. today (April 17, 2008).

"Elder abuse is often among the most invisible forms of domestic violence, and this case shows how serious and tragic it can be," District Attorney Keating said. "Sentencing has been scheduled for 12:30 p.m. tomorrow (April 18)." Life in prison is the statutory sentence for second degree murder, with parole eligibility after 15 years.

Crawford was arrested just before 11 p.m. June 12, 2006 at the Quincy Police Station following an investigation by State Police detectives attached to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office and the Quincy Police Department. He pled not guilty at his Quincy District Court arraignment on June 13.

On Thursday June 8, 2006, a Quincy ambulance was alerted by a *Lifeline* medical notification device and responded to the home of Mary Crawford, DOB 03-03-14, at 54 Tyler Street in Quincy.

The victim was transported to Quincy Medical Center; she died of her injuries at roughly 4:15 a.m. on Sunday June 11, 2006.

Due to detected injuries to the victim, she was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner following her death. An autopsy was performed and the medical examiner determined that the manner of death is homicide. Testimony showed that the injuries were consistent with Crawford being choked with the chord of the *Lifeline* she wore around her neck.

District Attorney Keating thanked prosecutors Robert Nelson and Kate Welch for their successful work and said: "We owe our thanks to the dedicated officers of the Quincy Police and Massachusetts State Police who investigated this crime and laid the foundation for this prosecution."

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.